NorthWestern Corporation, dba NorthWestern Energy South Dakota Electric Rate Case Capital Structure Calculation September 30, 2014 Test Year

Debt to Rate Base

of to Nate Base		Percent of		Rate
Debt/Rate Base	Amount	Capitalization	Rate	of Return
SD Electric Utility Allocated Debt	207,550,460 (b)	46.39%	5.18%	2.40%
SD Electric Utility Equity (Rate Base - Debt)	239,847,526 (a-	b) 53.61%	10.00%	5.36%
Total SD Electric Utility Rate Base (Column (g) Line 21, Statement M Page 1 of 1)	447,397,986 (a)	100.00%		7.76%
Supporting Data:				
Rate Base:	Amount	%		
SD Electric Utility (Column (g) Line 21, Statement M Page 1 of 1)	447,397,986 (a)	83.4%		
SD Gas Utility (internally calculated)	63,626,800	11.9%		
NE Gas Utility (internally calculated)	25,722,271	4.8%		
Total SD/NE Utility Rate Base	536,747,057	100.0%		
Debt (allocated based on rate base):	Amount	%		
SD Electric Utility	207,550,460 (b)	83.4%		
SD Gas Utility	29,516,833	11.9%		
NE Gas Utility	11,932,707	4.8%		
Total SD/NE Utility Debt (Column (k) Line 31, Statement G Page 2 of 4)	249,000,000	100.0%		
Total SD/NE Utility Debt to Total SD/NE Utility Rate Base		46.39%		
solidated Long-Term Debt to Capitalization				
		Percent of		
	Amount	Capitalization		
Long-Term Debt (Column (k) Line 25, Statement G Page 2 of 4)	1,163,923,122	51.83%		
Common Equity (Column (c) Line 5, Statement G Page 1 of 4)	1,081,686,000	48.17%		

2,245,609,122

100.00%

Percent of

Debt to Book Capitalization

Total

Debt/Book Capitalization	Amount		Capitalization
SD/NE Utility Debt (Column (k) Line 31, Statement G Page 2 of 4)	249,000,000	(b)	45.42%
SD/NE Utility Book Equity (Jurisdictional Proprietary Capital - Column (c) Line 12, Statement A Page 2 of 2)	299,187,801	(c)	54.58%
Total	548,187,801	(b+c)	100.00%